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Organization of Academy

the Jaroslaw Dabrowski Military Technical Academy

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In Warsaw¹ was activated during 1952, and [] it was under the command of two Soviet Army generals.

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The overall officer cadre strength of the academy was estimated [] at 250 officers, which included about 100 Soviet Army officers. In addition, about 200 Polish and what he believed to be Soviet civilians were employed as lecturers in various laboratories and administrative positions.

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[] the Academy had only six faculties, [] Faculty No 1 - Armored Branch; Faculty No 2 - Air Force; Faculty No 3 - Artillery and Ordnance; Faculty No 4 - Signal and Communications; Faculty No 5 - Infantry; and Faculty No 6 - Motor Transport.

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[] the head of Faculty No 4 - Signal. [] was Soviet Army Col Aleksandrov Volodin.² Each faculty was commanded by a Soviet Army colonel; and its staff consisted of about 40 Polish and Soviet Army officers. The only exceptions were the Motor Transport and Infantry Faculties, which had staffs of about 25 officers. [] each faculty utilized about 15 civilians as lecturers and laboratory specialists. [] civilian lecturers were extensively used in teaching technical subjects and particularly signal equipment and communications.

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Student Body

The Academy's students consisted of Polish Army officers from all branches of the Polish Army, from the Internal Security Corps (KBW), Border Guard (WOP), and Air Force units plus officer candidates who came directly from civilian life or from Polish Army units. [] the overall strength of the student body at 1,000 men, including officers of both company and field grade and OCS candidates.

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Courses

a. U/I Officers' Course.

[] about 60 Polish Army officers with ranks from lieutenant to lieutenant-colonel attended a one-year course.

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[] These officers wore their own uniforms and came from all branches of the Polish Army, Internal Security Corps, Border Guard, and Air Force. [] upon completion of the course these officers received a degree of some type []

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b. Technical Engineer Officers' Course.

About 200 Polish Army officers attended a two-year course. Upon its completion, they were given degrees as technical engineers (Inzynier-Technik). These officers came from all branches of the Polish Army and their ranks ranged from warrant officer to captain.

[] Upon graduation, these

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officers were assigned to various Polish Army units as technical officers.

c. [redacted] about 600 officer candidates were attending the officer candidate course at the Academy.

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[redacted] the length of the OCS course was four or possibly five years.

(1) Procurement of Candidates.

[redacted] priority for acceptance into this OCS was usually given to those who had served in the Cadet Corps located in Warsaw.³

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[redacted] 90 percent of the OCS candidates came directly from civilian life and were from the military classes 1928 to 1934. All of these candidates had a high educational background and possibly volunteered for the OCS at the Academy in order to avoid induction into the Polish Army. [redacted] the remainder of the 600 candidates [redacted] former conscripted sergeants, who had completed their period of obligatory service and volunteered for OCS training at the Academy. During August 1954

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[redacted] arrival of about 60 civilians at the Academy

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[redacted] members of a new OCS class. Their average age was estimated at 19.

(2) Uniforms.

All candidates wore officer-type uniforms but without any officers' rank insignia. However, an unknown number of candidate squad leaders and leaders of other formations wore EM insignia such as that of corporals and sergeants.

(3) Entrance Examinations.

From personal observation, [redacted] all OCS candidates were given about six weeks to prepare for their entrance examinations at the Academy. These entrance examinations were believed to be based on subjects such as mathematics, physics, chemistry, and other academic subjects. Military subjects were not included in these examinations since all candidates received basic training during their attendance at the Academy.

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(4) Course Examinations.

[redacted] monthly examinations were given to the candidates. He had heard that candidates failing two or three examinations were dropped from the OCS course and returned to a civilian status or reassigned to a Polish Army unit.

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d. Officers' Signal (?) Refresher Course.

[redacted] about 80 Polish Army officers attended a three-month course on signal equipment and communications procedures which they completed during June 1954. [redacted] these officers were formerly civilian engineers and technicians in the field of radio and communications, who had been recalled from a civilian status. [redacted] their average age to be from 26 to 29. They wore officer uniforms and their ranks ranged from warrant officer to captain. These officers arrived at the Academy during the latter part of 1953 and in January 1954. They received normal basic training prior to

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attending the three-month course. Upon completion of the course in June 1954, several of these officers were retained for an indefinite period of service at the Academy as lecturers. An unknown number were assigned to unknown Polish Army units for duty, and an unknown number were released from active service.

Attendance by Academy Staff Personnel at a Possible General Officers' Conference.

During February 1954, an unknown number of high ranking Polish and Soviet staff officers of the Academy attended a general officers' conference or command-post exercise at some unknown location within the Warsaw Military District. This lasted about seven days. It was common knowledge among the officers of the Academy that general officers and their staffs from all military districts of Poland attended this conference or exercise.

[redacted] neither Polish Army units nor any other troops were involved in or present at the conference or exercise.

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Training of Academy Graduates in the USSR.

[redacted] an unknown number of selected officers were frequently sent to academies in the USSR for further courses upon completion of their course at the Academy. However, he had no further knowledge concerning such assignments.

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Miscellaneous.

[redacted] officers who had completed an OCS at some location other than at the Academy could not attend any higher officers' course at the Academy until they had completed a minimum of two years' service with a Polish Army unit. Furthermore, candidates completing the Academy's OCS normally graduated as lieutenants, whereas candidates completing other OCS courses normally graduated as warrant officers [redacted] or as junior lieutenants.

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